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FOR AMBASSADOR LEWIS FROM USHRC REP MEZVINSKY

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: VISIT TO ISRAEL

1. AS YOU ARE WELL AWARE, THE ISSUE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN THE ISRAELI OCCUPIED TERRITORIES REGULARLY COMES UP IN VARIOUS UN FORUMS. REPORTS OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS ON THE WEST BANK AND THE RECENT SAMI ESMAIL CASE HAVE HEIGHTENED CONCERN BOTH IN THE UN AND DOMESTICALLY. IN VIEW OF THE EFFECT THE ISSUE HAS ON OUR HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY, AND IN ANTICIPATION OF THE 33RD UNGA, I BELIEVE IT ADVISABLE FOR ME TO VISIT ISRAEL IN JULY. I ENVISAGE A VISIT OF A PERIOD OF TIME SUFFICIENT TO GET A THOROUGHGOING UNDERSTANDING OF SITUATION IN WHICH I COULD MEET WITH ISRAELI OFFICIALS, WITH YOU AND YOUR STAFF AND WITH MIKE NEWLIN AND HIS STAFF. I WOULD ALSO
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PLAN TO MEET WITH THE ICRC AND RELIGIOUS GROUP REPRESENTATIVES. THE VISIT WOULD BE MEANT TO BE AS LOW-KEY AS POSSIBLE. NEA AND IO CONCUR SUBJECT TO YOUR COMMENTS.

2. I WOULD ALSO PLAN TO SPEND TWO WORKING DAYS EACH IN EGYPT, JORDAN AND CYPRUS TO DISCUSS HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES.

3. I HAVE PRELIMINARILY SOUNDED OUT THE ISRAELIS IN
NEW YORK AND ANTICIPATE NO PROBLEM WITH THE VISIT. I
WOULD WELCOME YOUR VIEWS REGARDING SUCH A VISIT AT THIS
TIME AND YOUR SUGGESTIONS FOR A SCHEDULE.
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